

**HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2018

Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Chinwe Adetula, Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Tanya Joyner, Jack Kavanagh, Bruce MacDonald, Ivan Montoya, Carol Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Jennifer Van Blarcom, Steve Yeager, and Linda Zumbrun

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND MENTAL HEALTH

AUTHORITY STAFF: Rachel ChooQuan, Marianne Gibson, Caryn Lasser and Heather Moore

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Allen, Tom Allen, Jack Altfather and Alexandra Popolny

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The April 18, 2018 Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 21, 2018 Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CURRENT TOPICS AND ADAAB ACTION ITEMS: Provided by Roe/Marianne

In the spring of 2017, the County Executive's office organized a Behavioral Health Integration Workgroup to decide how to integrate the Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health and the Howard County Mental Health Authority (HCMHA). The workgroup voted to integrate the HCMHA into the Health Department. A transition committee was formed and has been meeting to work through the integration process. The integration implementation date is July 1, 2018. With this integration, a new behavioral health board will be formed and the ADAAB and HCMHA boards will sunset. Four members volunteered from each board to create a subcommittee to determine the structure of the new board. A new behavioral health board named the Howard County Local Behavioral Health Authority (HCLBHA) Board will be formed July 1, 2018 and the ADAAB and HCMHA boards will sunset June 30, 2018. The HCLBHA Board will include a membership of 24 (16 Appointed/8 Ex-Officio). An importance of consumer/family member representation was a key focus in the development of the new board. The new HCLBHA Board membership will include 6 Consumers, 6 Family Members, 2 Professional/Provider/Advocates, and 2 At Large. By-laws, roles/duties, and voting rights were approved by a vote. Members are being considered for the new HCLBHA Board. Forward any

interested individuals to Joan or Roe. The County Executive's office will be recruiting and appointing the new members.

In November ADAAB voted to fund start-up implement costs for Guiding Good Choices (GGC). Funds were used to partially support a pilot of the program. GGC is an evidence-based parent prevention program that teaches parents of children age 9-14 how to reduce the risk that their children developing problems associated with drug/alcohol use. In March, the Health Department trained 20 individuals across 11 agencies to be GGC facilitators. Each facilitator committed to conducting a minimum of 2 cycles of GGC by the end of FY19. Forward any referrals to Roe.

A letter/recommendation from family members concerned with the opioid crisis in Howard County was discussed. The full letter/recommendations were shared with ADAAB members, as well as, a brief copy of the recommendations and a gap analysis and status update of the recommendations. Some of the recommendations were discussed. Ideas from the discussion will be considered for implementation.

Howard County's Opioid Response Related Activities Chart was discussed. The chart will be forwarded to ADAAB members to review to provide feedback.

The Response to a Crisis: Opioids in Howard County 2018 Report was discussed. This report is nearing the final stage of revisions and will be shared with ADAAB members to review and provide feedback. The report will also be posted on the County Executive's new opioid help website www.HoCoOpioidHelp.com.

Other Unfinished Business:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joan thanked Mark Donovan for joining her at a parent forum at Reservoir High School.

Joan reminded everyone that the next National Take Back Day is scheduled for April 28 and provided details about HC DrugFree's event to be held in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot.

Mark announced a new program his agency is providing through CareFirst called TCCI which can offer up to 12 months of free treatment to clients who have CareFirst insurance and need addiction treatment services at the IOP Level or higher. CareFirst is offering, if the person meets CareFirst criteria, to write off all co-pays and deductibles for IOP and step down relapse prevention or Level 1 outpatient treatment for up to 1 year. There are a limited number of providers participating in this CareFirst program.

Barbara announced that SAMSHA notified Behavioral Health Administration last week that Maryland is receiving an additional almost \$2.7M for FY2018. BHA is now determining how this will be allocated. The crisis bill put forth in the most recent legislative session passed easily. An increased amount of money totaling \$12M specifically for crisis services was approved. The bill puts forth a process for determining how to allocate. Bill signings are set for the week of April 23, 2018.

Next Meeting is May 16, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.